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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: MUTANT  
N-ACETYLGLUTAMATE  
SYNTHASE AND METHOD FOR  
L-ARGININE PRODUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed August 21, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the original Sequence Listing on pages 21-25 without prejudice.

Page 27 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.